

Special Superintendents' Webcast

Aug. 25, 2020

Agenda

KDE Communications Updates

Toni Konz Tatman, KDE Interim Director of Communications

KDE Student Advisory Council Update

Trevin Bevins, junior (Pike County); Caleb Bates, senior (Breathitt County); Anastasia Panaretos, sophomore (Oldham County); Anna Williams, senior, (Anderson County)

COVID-19 Updates with the Kentucky Department for Public Health

Dr. Connie White, Deputy Commissioner;

and Emily Messerli, DNP, APRN, FNP-C, Immunization Branch Manager

Question and Answer Session

KDE Leadership Team and Invited Guests

KDE Communications Updates

- Coverings for Kids update
- Tune in for important announcement at 4 p.m. ET from Lt. Gov. Coleman on access to high-speed internet and a plan to reduce the monthly cost for low-income parents to pay for internet access for their K-12 child.
- FAQs for Kentucky's Schools and Districts – More than 900 questions answered since March

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KDE Student Advisory Council Update

- **Trevin Bevins**, junior, Shelby Valley High School (Pike County)
- **Caleb Bates**, senior, Breathitt County High School
- **Anastasia Panaretos**, sophomore, South Oldham County High School
- **Anna Williams**, senior, Anderson County

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- Initially announced by First Lady Britainy Beshear during the Aug. 4 Superintendents' Webcast; later shared at Gov. Beshear's press conference
- As of today, **72** local school districts (100 % of those responding so far) have appointed coordinators and will begin collecting face coverings and masks!
- Districts have received outreach packet, including language, graphics, drafted social media posts and emails for promotion.
- Districts will decide the ultimate use of the masks




Kentucky Department of Education – Main Webpage

COVID-19 Alert - For the latest information on the novel coronavirus in Kentucky, please visit kycovid19.ky.gov

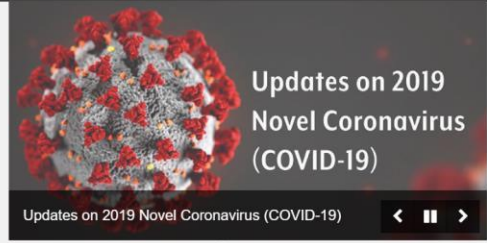
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Learn what precautions you can take about the coronavirus.
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Updates on 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Our Vision
Each and every student empowered and equipped to pursue a successful future.

Mission Statement
To partner with districts, schools, families, students, business and industry, and communities to provide leadership and support to ensure success for each and every student.

Our Core Values
The department's core values are equity, achievement, collaboration and integrity.

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KDE COVID-19 Webpage


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COVID-19 Updates and Information for P-12 Education


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 IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS

Overview of KDE Guidance Issued for Reopening Schools



In response to the COVID-19 crisis, KDE has been committed to providing guidance and solutions that focus on educating and feeding our children and providing support to our districts.

*Since May 15, we have been releasing **weekly** guidance documents to all of our superintendents and districts regarding reopening schools for the 2020-2021 year.*

We also created this “KDE Reopening Guidance” tab on our COVID-19 website, where you can find all of the guidance and our weekly Special Superintendents’ Webcasts, which we have been holding since March.

To Date: KDE COVID-19 Guidance Issued for Reopening of Schools

May 15: [Initial Guidance for Districts and Schools](#)

May 26: [Supporting Student and Staff Wellness](#)

June 1: [Academic Re-entry, Stage One: Drafting an Adjusted Curriculum](#)

June 1: [Evaluating Students' Academic Readiness](#)

June 8: [Alternative Learning Design Strategies](#)

June 15: [Intermittent School Closures](#)

June 22: [Food Service Operations - USDA School Meal Programs](#)

June 24: [\(With Kentucky DPH\) Safety Expectations and Best Practices Guidelines for Kentucky Schools \(K-12\)](#)

June 25: [Pupil Transportation](#)

To Date: KDE COVID-19 Guidance Issued for Reopening of Schools

June 29:

- [Facilities and Logistics](#)
- [Plan for Reopening Secondary Career and Technical Education \(CTE\) Facilities for Completion of Industry Certifications and Lab-Based Dual Credit Coursework](#)

July 6:

- [Workplace Health and Safety](#)

July 13:

- [Academic Re-entry, Stage Two: Meeting Learners' Academic Needs](#)

July 20:

- [Exceptional Learners and Preschool Students](#)
- [Compensatory Education and Extended School Year Services](#)
- [Daily Participation and Non-Traditional Instruction](#)

To Date: KDE COVID-19 Guidance Issued for Reopening of Schools

July 24:

- [*Flexibility for Assigning Staff in the COVID-19 Instructional Settings*](#)

July 27:

- [*Food Service Operations – Waivers for USDA School Meal Programs*](#)

Aug. 10:


- [*Library Media Center*](#)
- [*Class Sizes in Virtual Programs and Courses*](#)

Aug. 17:

- [*Welcoming Students for Orientation and Targeted Services*](#)
- [*2020-2021 Participation Tracking in Infinite Campus*](#)

COVID-19: Answers to FAQs for Kentucky's Schools and Districts

(Last updated Aug. 20. More than 900 questions answered.)

2	 <p>Note: Responses provided herein are based on the best information available to the Kentucky Department of Education, Kentucky Board of Education and Commissioner of Education when published and do not constitute medical or legal advice. Responses are subject to change and are for general information purposes only. If you are seeking medical advice, please see https://govstatus.egov.com/kycovid19 and consult with a medical professional. If you are seeking legal advice, please consult with an attorney.</p>			
3	What question(s) do you have about COVID-19? ▼	KDE staff response	Available link for districts to use? ▼	Date updated ▼
4	If district is choosing a split inperson/virtual week and a parent of a student with special needs requests in-person attendance all 5 days stating it is their LRE, how do we handle this?	Please contact Veronica Sullivan at veronica.sullivan@education.ky.gov or Sylvia Starkey at sylvia.starkey@education.ky.gov in the Office of Special Education and Early Learning to discuss the specific situation.		8/4/2020
5	Incoming kindergarten students are assessed using BRIGANCE at the start of each school year. Since several districts are beginning school either virtually or with a hybrid model, will this be waived for the 2020-21 school year?	Virtual administration of assessments within the BRIGANCE Screens III is not recommended at this time. The procedure for administering the Screens III does not easily lend itself to videoconferencing technology and, therefore, Curriculum Associates has not validated administration of the BRIGANCE Kindergarten screen (the K screen) through a virtual approach. At its August 2020 meeting, the Kentucky Board of Education will consider a waiver to expand the timeframe of testing and reporting. The board will also discuss giving the Commissioner of Education the authority to exempt schools from screening students who may not attend schools in person.		8/4/2020
6	Must school-based preschool programs follow childcare guidelines and maintain a class size of 10?	KDE recommends using the room capacity calculator to determine the class size. A link is adjacent.	https://education.ky.gov/comm/Documents/RoomCapacityCalculator.xlsx	8/4/2020
7	What precautions should schools take if a student has medical waiver from the mask requirement and is in a classroom with medically fragile students? Who can attend school in that classroom?	Students should not be excluded from school if they do not or cannot wear masks, but extra precautions should be taken when medically fragile students are involved. In this situation, districts must be vigilant about everyone else following the	https://education.ky.gov/comm/Documents/Safety%20Expectations_FINAL%20DOC.pdf	8/4/2020



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COVID-19 IN KY

Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019



Stay tuned for
an update from
Gov. Andy Beshear

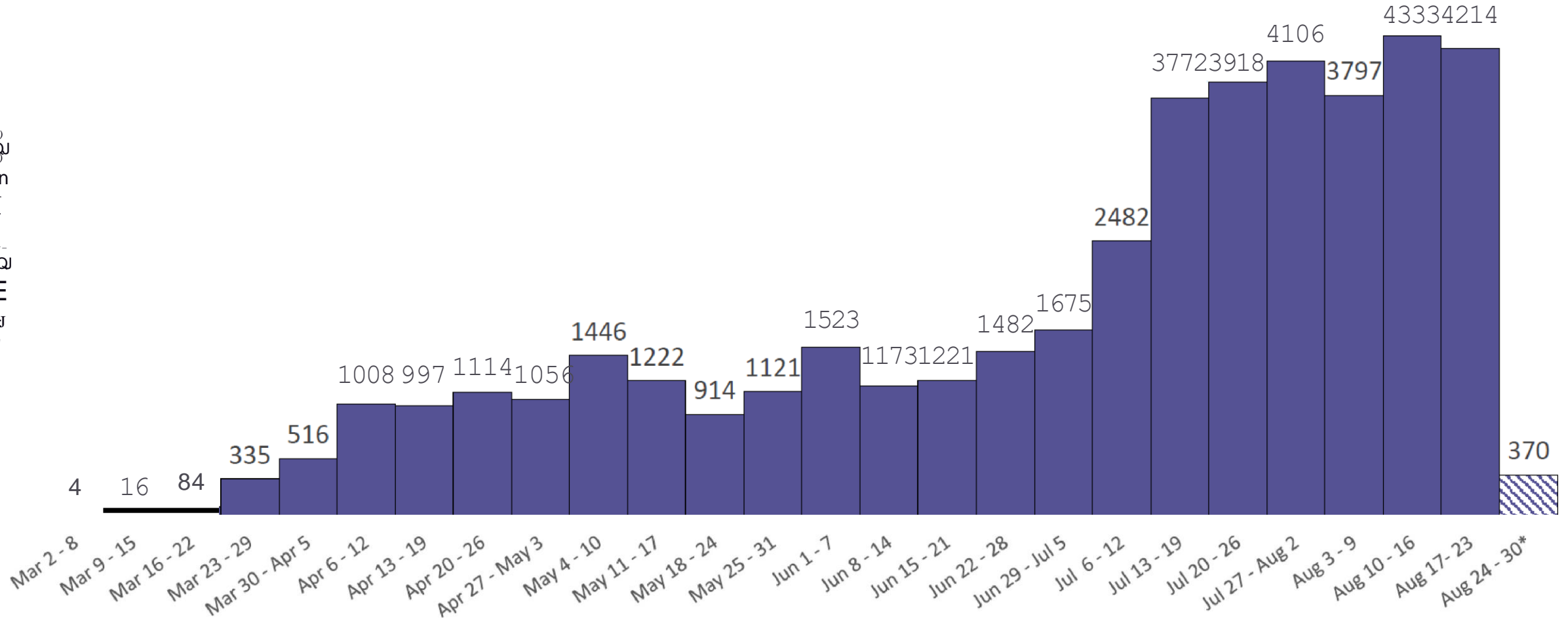
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Kentucky COVID-19 New Cases by Week (n = 43,899)

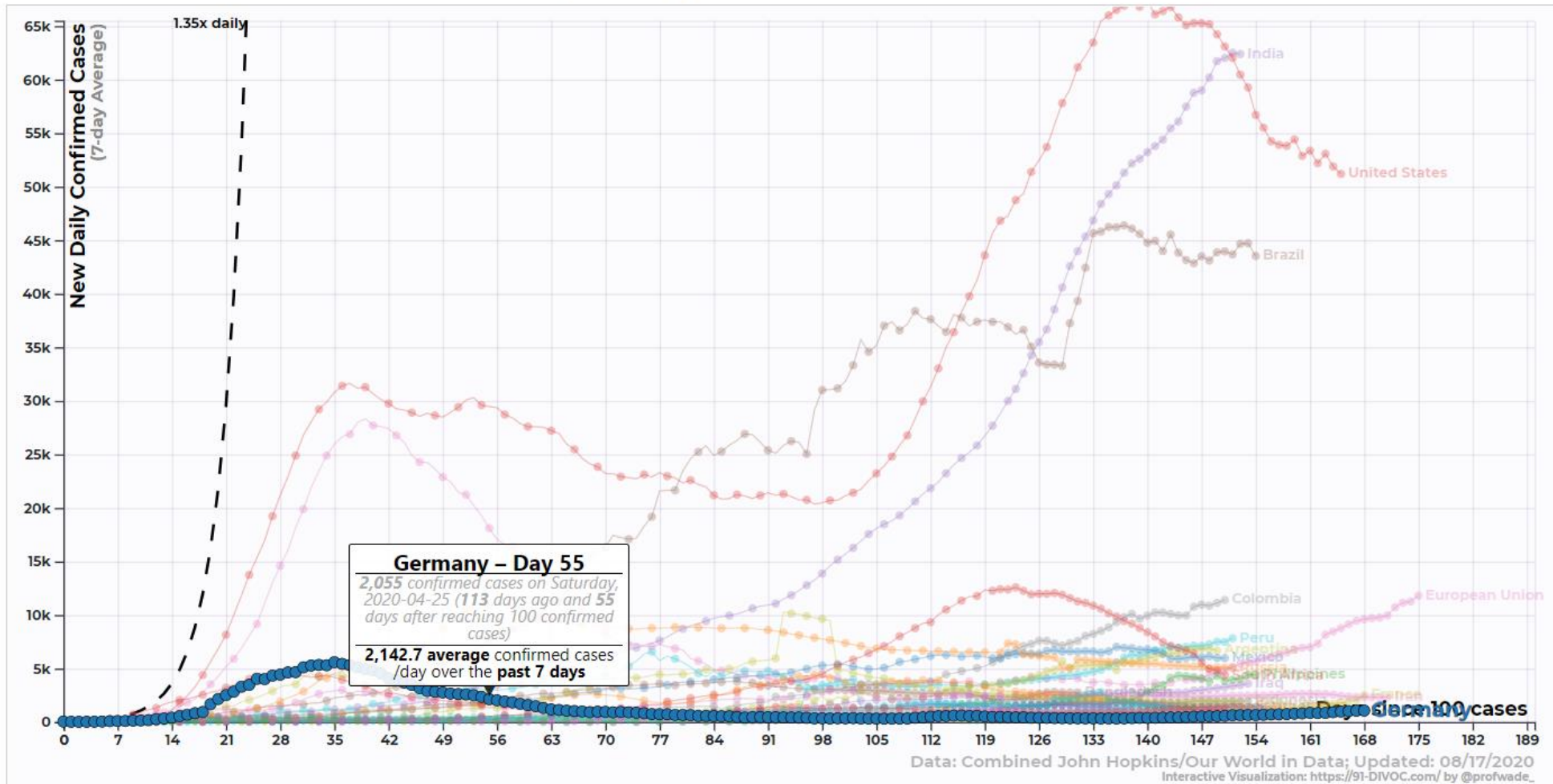
Number of cases



Date Cases Announced

*Reporting incomplete
for current week

New Confirmed COVID-19 Cases per Day



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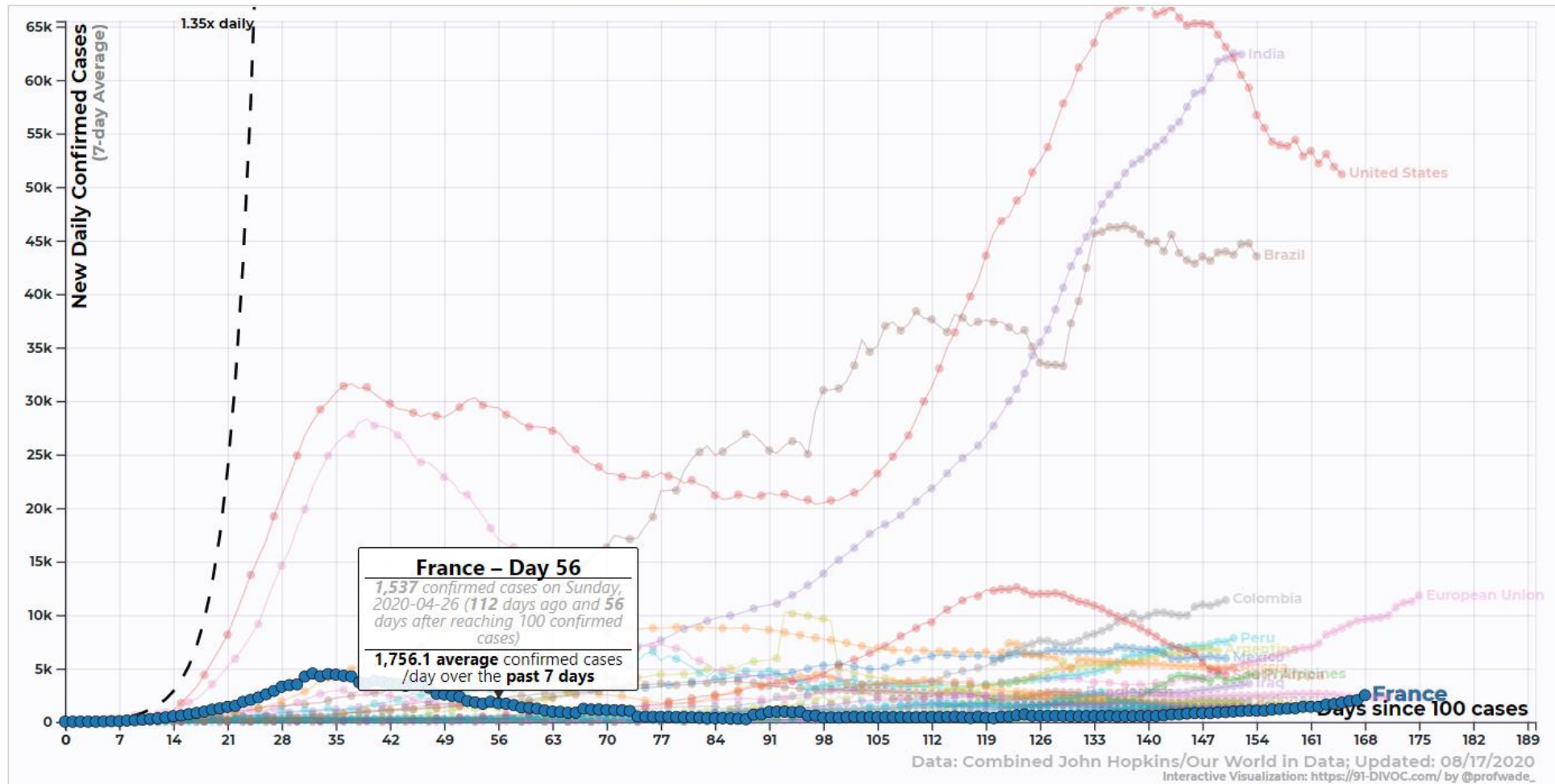
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New Confirmed COVID-19 Cases per Day



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Highlight: France

Data: New Cases, 1 Wk. Avg.

Scale: Log Linear

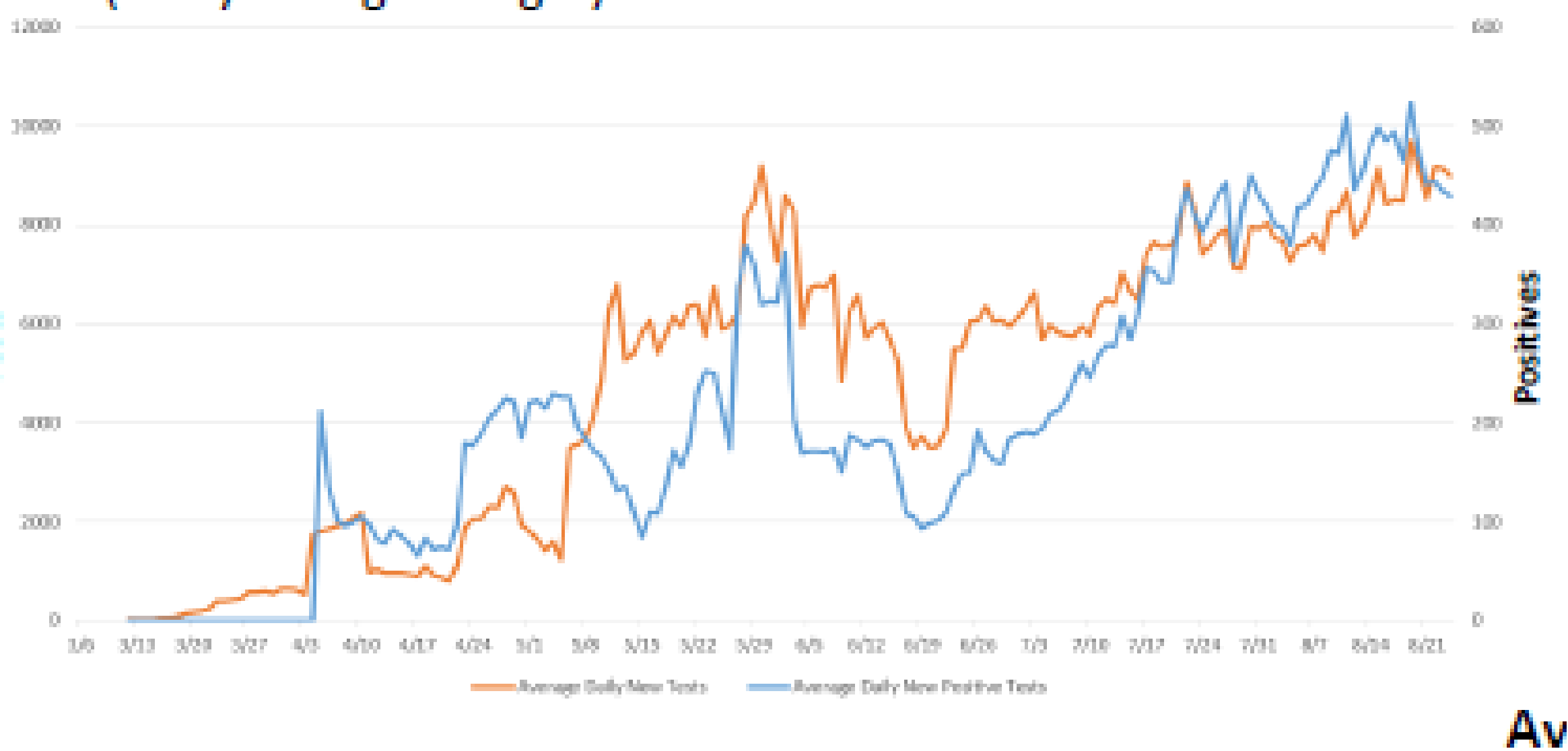
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X-Axis: Days since threshold (left aligned)

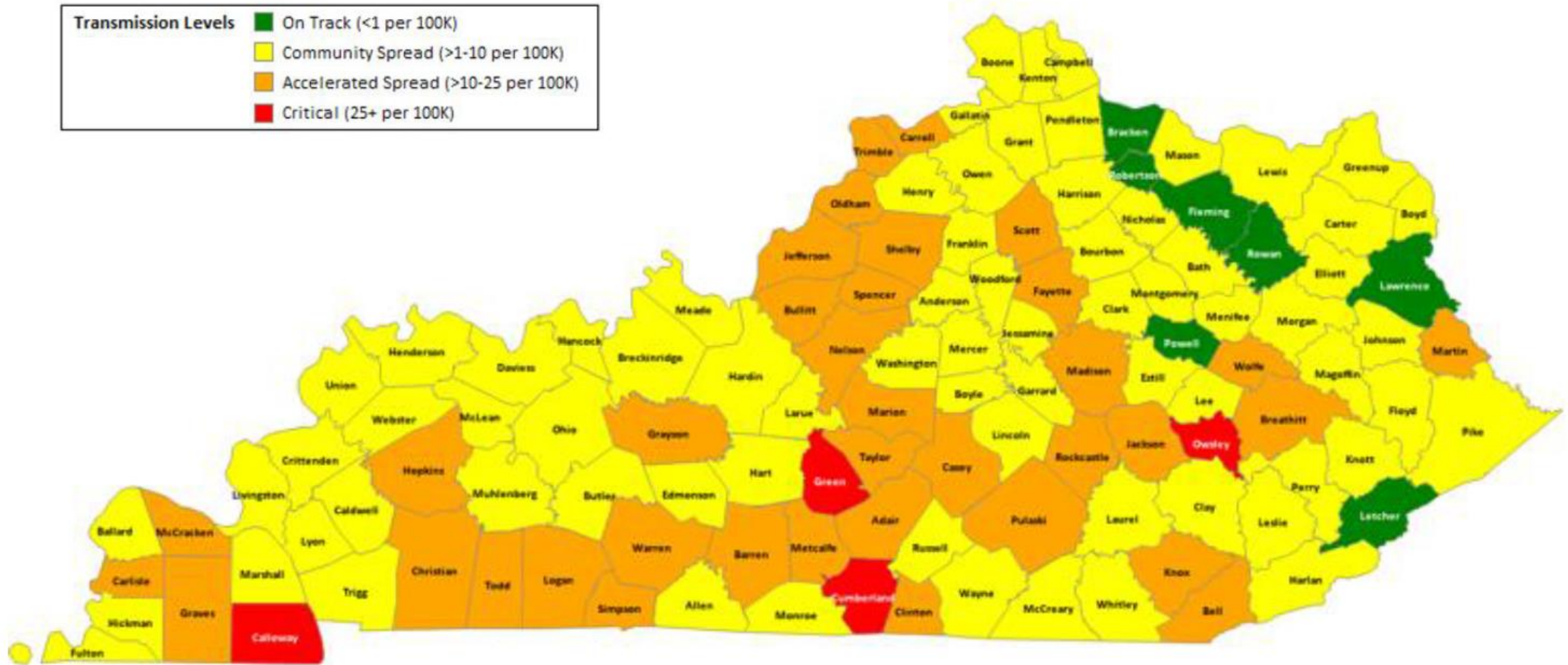
Y-Axis: All Highlight & All Current

▶ Animate

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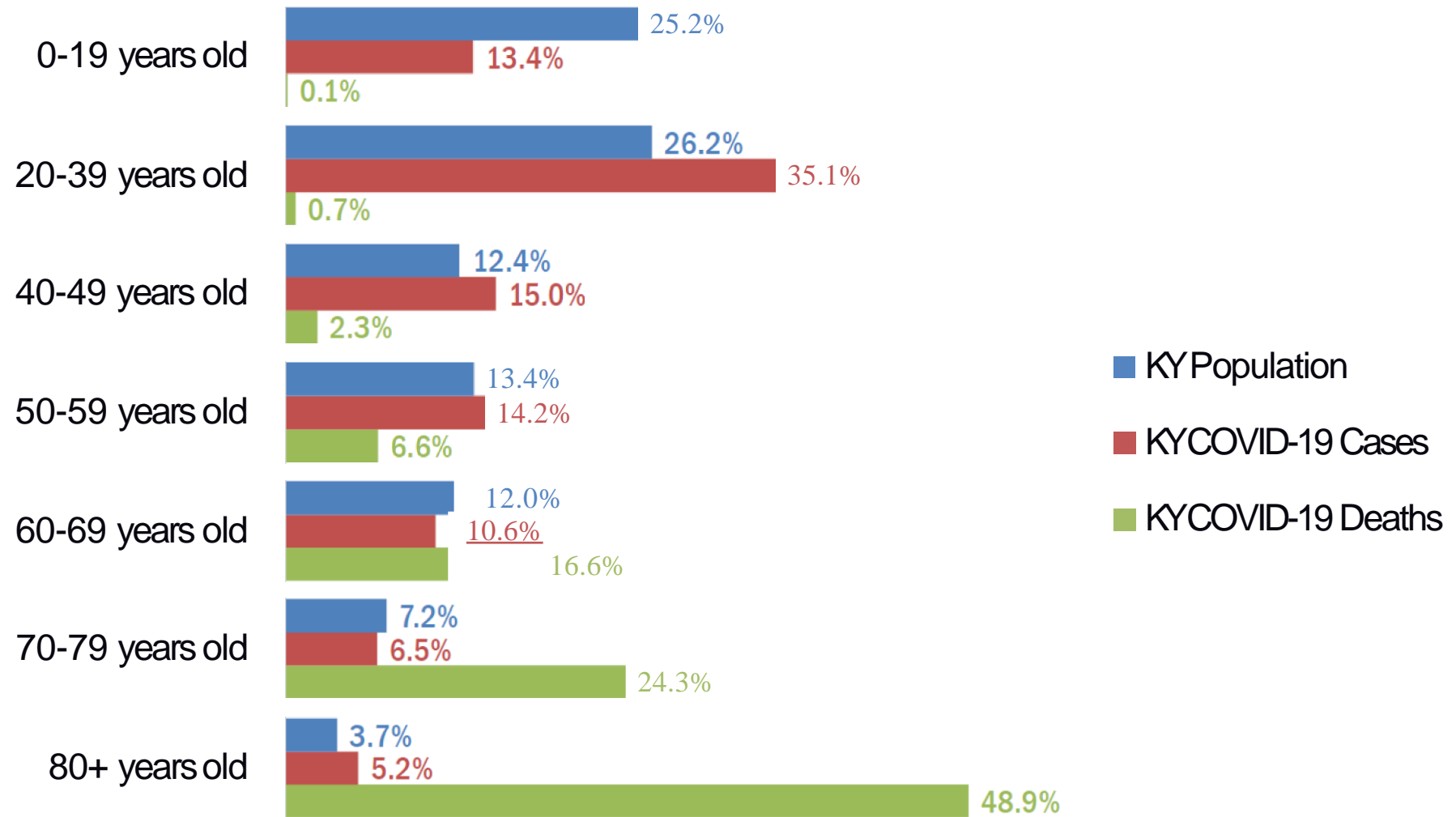
7- Day Average Daily Incidence Rate By County



8/24/2020

Overall Kentucky Level: Accelerated Spread – 10.90 daily cases per 100,000 population

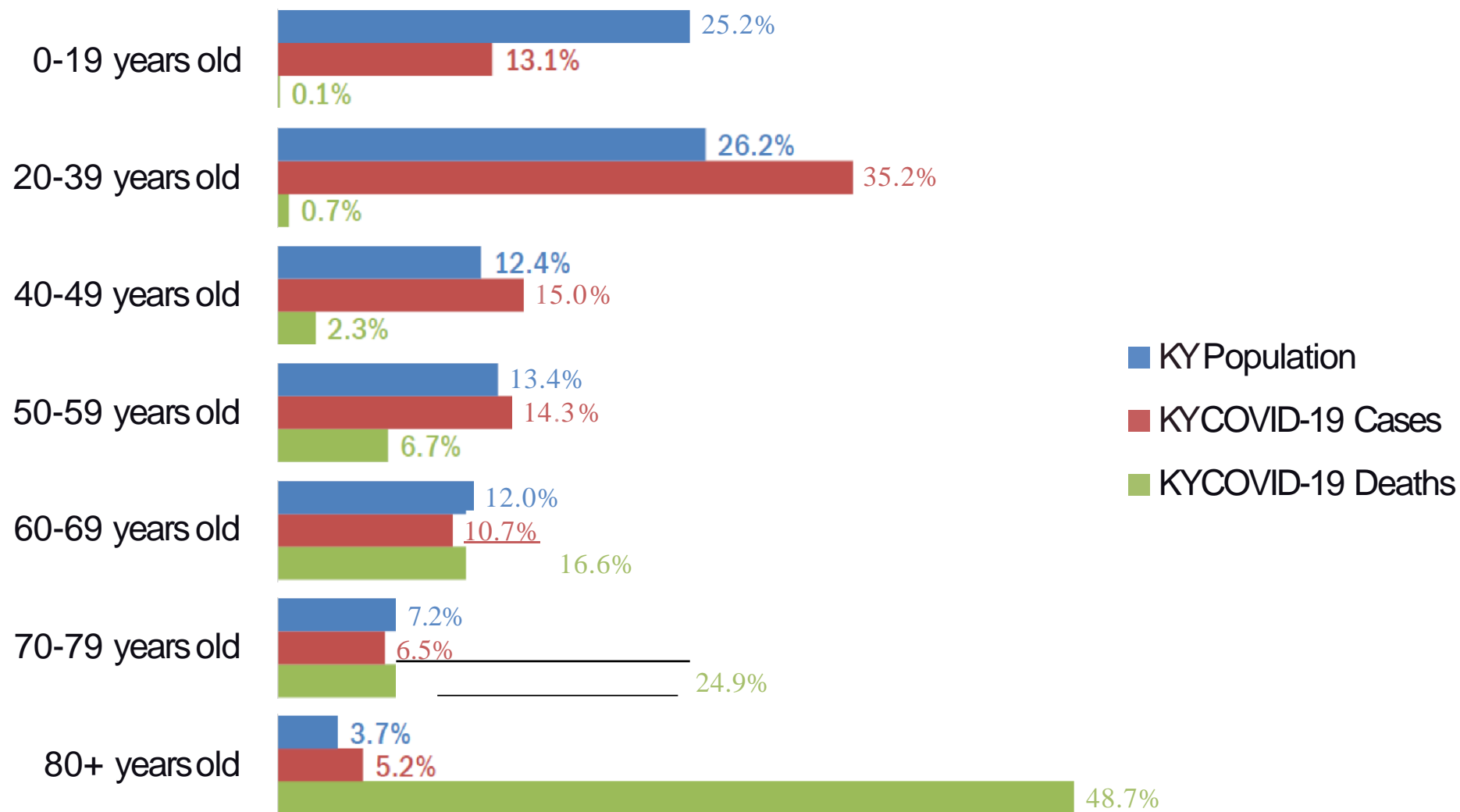
Distribution of Age by KY Population, COVID-19 Cases, and COVID-19 Deaths



34 COVID-19 cases with missing/unknown age (<0.1%)

Updated August 24, 2020

Distribution of Age by KY Population, COVID-19 Cases, and COVID-19 Deaths



32 COVID-19 cases with missing/unknown age (<0.1%)

Updated August 22, 2020

District or School-Specific Protocols

SCHOOL RE-ENTRY METRICS & PROTOCOLS

This School Re-entry Metrics and Protocols document is developed by the Governor's Office of Education, the Department of Education, and the Department of Health and Human Resources, in partnership with the Kentucky Department of Education, to provide a consistent framework for schools to follow in their efforts to safely and effectively resume in-person instruction. The color-coded system is driven by data and science to monitor the level of COVID-19 in each county. Once the disease reaches identified levels, counties must respond with mitigation to prevent further spread. The metrics provide community education and local health officials the opportunity to make local decisions with permissible guidelines. Communities are encouraged to manage the transmission of COVID-19 so that school activities and extracurricular activities can begin as scheduled and continue uninterrupted.


On September 22, 2020, all counties identified as green and yellow may begin in-person instruction and may maintain status as long as the situation remains steady. Counties in orange or red are not permitted to open in-person instruction until they have, or generate, a seven-day rolling basis. After opening, if a county elevates to orange, it may continue to operate under the current protocols. If the county returns to a lower level, it may resume until the county returns to a lower level.

For more information, visit wvde.us/green-trymetrics



Revised August 14, 2020

GREEN
Minimal Community Transmission
7 OR Fewer Cases per 100,000 People

 **Person Instruction**

Continue best health practices to prevent spread of disease.
Engage community to actively participate in continued mitigation.

Light Green
Low Community Transmission
1-15 Cases per 100,000 People

Local education leaders work with county health departments to determine increased mitigation measures such as:

- Required masks for grades 5 and above, no congregating settings where social distancing is limited.
- Increased hand washing and hygiene protocols.
- Increased student cohorting to limit outside of core groups.
- Limiting activities where social distancing is not feasible.
- Increased community engagement to prevent escalation of disease.

Athletic and extra-curricular activities permit spectators with limited tickets.

ORANGE
Heightened Community Transmission
16-50 Cases per 100,000 People

Local county education leaders work collaboratively with local health departments to implement aggressive mitigation measures both in schools and in community settings.

- Required masks grades 3-5 in congregant settings and grades 6 and above at all times.
- Increased community engagement to prevent escalation of disease.

Let's get back to school! Activities are limited to controlled practices/activities only.

RED
Significant Community Transmission
51+ Cases per 100,000 People

- Suspend in-person instruction and all school-related activities until yellow level is maintained on a seven-day rolling basis.
- Accelerate remote learning.
- Staff continues essential student support services including meals, student engagement and special education services.

All school-related activities are suspended until yellow level is maintained on a seven-day rolling basis.

COVID-19 Updates with the Kentucky Department for Public Health (Healthy at School)

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Healthy at School

Safety Expectations

Strategies that must be implemented by schools.

- School health policies
- Cloth face coverings, PPE
- Screening for all students and staff (temperature checks)
 - School exclusion
- Sanitization and environmental factors
 - Social distancing
 - Contact tracing

Best Practices

Additional strategies that schools may choose to follow.

- Physical barriers
- Discontinuing attendance-dependent rewards
 - Meals served in classrooms
 - Flexible sick leave policies
- Designated Healthy at School officer
 - Training for staff

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS